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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED VISIT TO PAKISTAN

1. BOTH ODRP AND POLITICAL SECTION BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM DSAA VISIT ISLAMABAD IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THERE ARE SEVERAL PENDING ISSUES INVOLVING SALES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO PAKISTAN ABOUT WHICH IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR US TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH DSAA REP. OUR MILITARY SALES RELATIONSHIP WITH PAKISTAN IS BECOMING REGULARIZED AND THE NUMBER OF ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR SALES IS INCREASING. WHEN OFFICERS FROM NEA/PAB HAVE VISITED US, IT HAS BEEN VERY USEFUL TO DISCUSS POL/MIL AFFAIRS AND TO HAVE THE LATEST VIEW FROM STATE. WE HAVE NOT HAD A VISITOR FROM DSAA SINCE THE FIRST DECISIONS ON SALES WERE MADE IN JUNE LAST YEAR, AND WE BELIEVE NOW WOULD BE AN ESPECIALLY GOOD TIME FOR SUCH A VISIT.

2. IF DOD AGREES, WE BELIEVE THE BEST TIME WOULD BE EARLY MAY. SINCE THERE ARE SOME UNCERTAINTIES AT PRESENT IN SCHEDULES AT THAT TIME OF EMBASSY AND ODRP OFFICERS WHO HANDLE OUR MILITARY SALES PROGRAMS, WE
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WOULD PREFER TO AWAIT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BEFORE

SPECIFYING PREFERRED DATES. THE FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER SUCH A VISIT IS POSSIBLE AND WHO SHOULD COME OBVIOUSLY RESTS WITH DOD. WE HAVE BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH THE CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EMBASSY AND ODRP OFFICERS IN ISLAMABAD WHICH WE BELIEVE IS REFLECTED IN WASHINGTON AS WELL. VISIT BY DSAA OFFICER WOULD GIVE US OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THIS RELATIONSHIP, DISCUSS IMPENDING SALES AND SALES REQUESTS, AND EXCHANGE VIEWS.

3. AMBASSADOR FULLY SUPPORTS THIS PROPOSAL, BELIEVES DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE HIGHLY WORTHWHILE, AND THINKS VISIT DURING SUGGESTED TIME PERIOD WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR MISSION.
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